

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In Re Application of:</b>	Brown et al.
<b>Application No.:</b>	Not yet assigned
<b>Filed:</b>	Concurrently herewith
<b>For:</b>	Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent
<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	Not yet assigned

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Docket No: S63.2N-6769-US04**

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

Applicant hereby requests that the above application be made special pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. §708.02. This application contains claims which if issued, are believed to be infringed by a product being sold in the United States. More specifically, the application contains claims which if issued, are believed to be infringed by the MULTI-LINK VISION™ stent available from Guidant Corporation. A Declaration of an attorney of record is submitted herewith. The prior art which I believe to be most pertinent is listed in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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